

# MOVING THROUGH ENTROPIC TIMES: RUBBLE, REFUSAL, AND REGENERATION

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It feels impossible not to be consumed with melancholia, outrage and disappointment in the face of overlapping injustices, violence, and frightening political and ecological collapse everywhere one looks. How then do we hold onto a modicum of hope as we navigate the classroom, our field-sites, and reflect on the meaning of what we do? This talk builds on a piece written during the Covid-19 pandemic, "Beyond Repair: Staying with Break-down at the interstices". Here, I reflect on what it means to move through the break-down, to think about the generative moves that work with entropic times of disorder and uncertainty. I ground the discussion by reflecting on recent events in Nairobi, Kenya, that echo wider politics of climate injustice and urban removal, political uprising, and quiet ecological encroachments. This rebel city brings together outrage, joyful militancy, and a hustle urbanism that is underpinned by a politics of hope and collective struggle amidst the breakdown; a politics that we could think with as we try to grapple with entropic times and troubles elsewhere.

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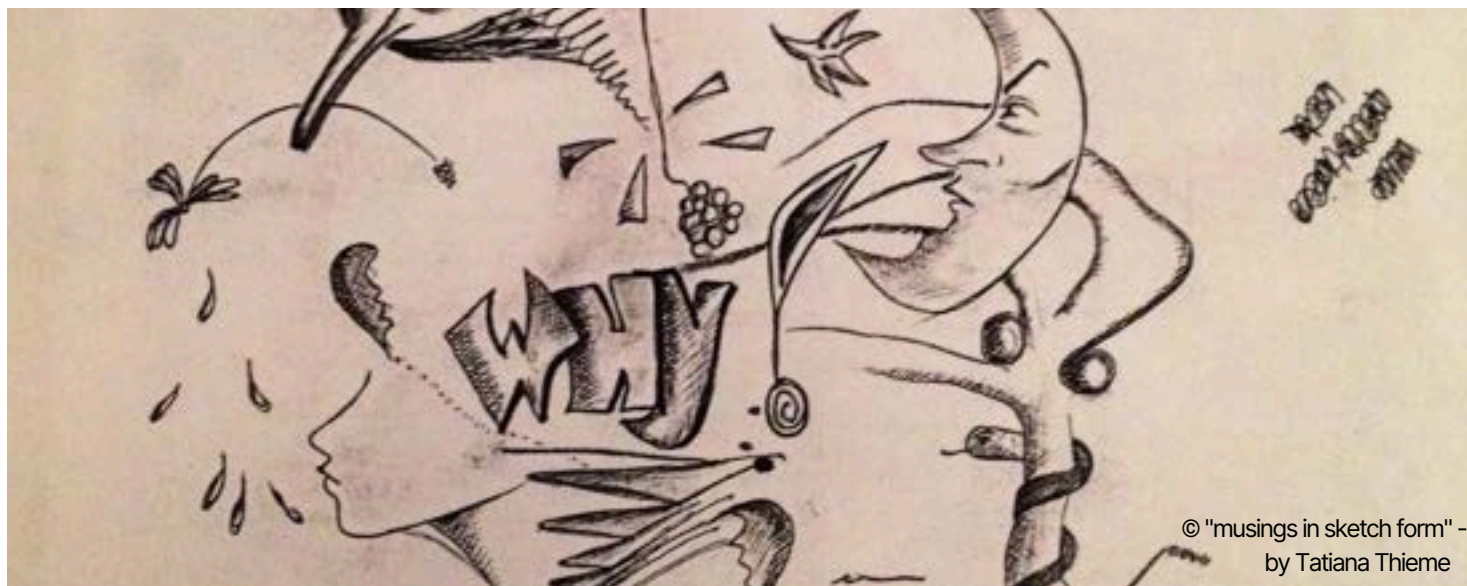
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